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New association hopes to maintain downtown

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Two business owners in downtown Romulus want to make a clean sweep in the city.

"We are just trying to give business owners downtown a voice," said Rick Perry, owner of R.J. Perry Carpentry. "We want our downtown to be clean and we want to put an association in place to ensure that it stays clean."

Perry and Bill Crane, owner of

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Rick Perry

Crane Funeral Home, are in the preliminary stages of creating an association for business owners in the downtown district from Vining Road to Five Points through the downtown area.

Perry and Crane are both

members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and said they are well educated in the processes of improving the area. However, the DDA only has so much power.

"We can do the improvements

to the downtown landscape, but we can't maintain them," he said. "So we are hopeful that with this new business association we can develop a consistency throughout the downtown businesses and assist owners in portraying a positive image to the public."

Crane said the association, which has yet to receive a name, would reach out to the local business owners to reach a consensus of what can be done to maintain downtown and provide a voice to owners who are not residents of

Romulus.

"A lot of owners are non-residents, which means they don't have a voice in the city," said Crane. "We feel that the association can give them a voice to such groups as the DDA. We want to include and inform businesses of what is going on in the city, because they have a significant interest in it."

Perry said they will teach business owners what type of

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Governor Jennifer Granholm signed the anti-trash legislation at Crosswinds Marsh Park, near Carleton Farms landfill in Sumpter Township last Friday. The package of bills will ensure tougher standards and curb the flow of Canadian and out-of-state waste that enters Michigan. The 11-bill package will ban pop cans, beer bottles and old tires from Michigan landfills.

Governor takes out the trash with signing of bill

Andrea King
Staff Writer

"Bring it on," shouted Gov. Jennifer Granholm as she prepared to sign a slew of anti-trash bills.

"If you dump in Michigan, you have to abide by our rules," said Granholm.

The governor signed the anti-trash legislation last Friday at Crosswinds Marsh Park, which is near the Carleton Farms landfill in Sumpter Township. The many supporters—children and area residents—cheered on the bill holding signs, and shouting out for State Rep. Kathleen Law (D-Gibraltar) and Granholm.

The package of bills is designed to ensure tougher standards and to curb the flow of Canadian and out-of-state waste that enters Michigan. The 11-bill package would ban pop cans, beer bottles and old tires from Michigan landfills. It would also give the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) the ability to close Michigan bor-

der to out-of-state trash shipments that pose a substantial threat to public health and safety.

The bills were stalled by Republicans in the state House of Representatives since they were introduced in January 2003, but House Democrats can let out a sigh of relief as the chain of bills were signed.

State Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor), a strong proponent of the trash bills, said that he is very satisfied with the results of the Democrats fight in the state house.

"This is a victory for Michigan citizens," he said. "We succeeded in getting a common sense bill that will fairly treat all trash coming into this state signed into law and that is a great accomplishment."

"Today will bring everything to standard," said Law. "Canada will have to come up to Michigan's standards; they are responsible."

House Democrats have scheduled 15 town meetings,

launched a yard sign campaign and petition drive and introduced a Trash-O-Meter, according to Law. The Trash-O-Meter measures the amount of trash entering Michigan.

"The Trash-O-Meter shows us that more than 2.1 million tons of Canadian and out-of-state waste have been dumped in Michigan landfills," said Law. "We're sitting on a ticking time bomb."

Law said that it was fitting for Granholm to choose a park across from Carleton Farms Landfill.

"Sumpter Township is a farming community and we need to get families back into it," said Law. "Crosswinds is a manufactured wetland. It was built purposely so the landfill couldn't get any bigger."

Numerous residents were at the signing to show their support of the legislation. Sumpter Township resident Sam Loggans said he doesn't want trash in his community.

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Spring is here, clean up is near

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Birds are chirping in the early morning, the day is getting longer and residents seem to have a spring in their step.

It can only mean one thing. Spring is finally here.

To celebrate the conclusion of another cold and snowy Michigan winter, the City of Romulus has designated the week of May 15 - 22 as "Spring Clean Up Week" in Romulus.

"Spring is the season of renewal. Clean Sweep activities in Romulus give us a chance to renew our commitment to improving Romulus," Mayor Alan Lambert said. "It's a great way to get out in the

fresh air and say hello to our neighbors while we all clean up the community together."

Clean Sweep, one of the events planned for this week, will begin at 9 a.m. on May 22 at Romulus City Hall. Residents will enjoy refreshments and then split into groups and get to work cleaning up the city.

Groups will head out to the downtown area, as well as major entry points to the city, to clean up for spring.

Another upcoming event is the citywide yard sale, which will take place from May 20 - 23.

And this is the one time of the year residents will not be required to pay for a permit for

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Training day

State Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood welcomed Lance Dare, a junior at Truman High School in Taylor, Maria Gleich, a junior from Kennedy High School in Taylor and Elizabeth Tucker, a junior from Summit Academy in Romulus to the State Capitol as part of his Capitol Scholars program. The program gives students from local high schools a hands-on experience with state government.

Tax abatements keep companies in Plymouth

Scott Spielman
Editor

It didn't take long for the actions of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees to seal a deal to keep one of the largest township taxpayers in the community.

A day after Johnson Controls, Inc. received approval for two tax abatements from the township board, officials announced they intended to keep the facilities in the township and expand operations there.

Johnson Controls officials had previously looked at other sites as close as Salem Township – which they vigorously pursued for nearly a year – as well as other out-of-state locations in Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

“With strong support from the State of Michigan and Plymouth Township, our management team has decided to stay in Plymouth Township and expand our automotive headquarters and technical campus,” said Keith Wandell, president of the Automotive Group for Johnson Controls. “We’re pleased to be remaining in an outstanding community and that we will be redeveloping our current technical center to meet future business needs.”

Johnson Controls occupies about 500,000 square feet of automotive corporate office and engineering space in three buildings in the township. A number of events took place recently to make the township site more attractive to the firm, which manufactures automotive interiors for the auto industry. The board of trustees approved a 12-year tax abatement on March 23 and also designated about 100

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acres north of one of their buildings as an Industrial Development District (IDD). That land had been owned by the State of Michigan and currently houses the Western Wayne Correctional Facility. The state has indicated that it will close that facility and sell the land, which will allow Johnson Controls to expand their Halyard Road facility onto it.

“The prospect of remaining in Plymouth Township was positive for the firm’s 1,800 employees that today work at the technical center,” he said.

The abatement was one of two granted at the meeting last week. Moeller Manufacturing also received a 12-year tax abatement for improvements they plan.

The 40-year-old tool and die company has been located in the township for 10 years and has expanded to employ about 85 people, according to Joe Baker, a representative of the firm.

“We’ve had a tough couple of years, but we’ve been able to keep our employees and increase our base,” he said.

The \$1.5 million in improvements planned at the company, which is located in the Plymouth Oaks business park, will mean four or five new full time jobs will be created, Baker said.



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GM Powertrain sponsors students for monitoring day

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

A group of eighth grade students from Romulus Middle School will become scientists for a day when they participate in the Rouge Education Project on May 5.

The project, created by General Motors in conjunction with Earth Force Green, was developed to educate students about pollution and what they can do to help prevent it from getting into Michigan waterways.

Across the United States and Canada, the GM-Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (GREEN) program involves employees from 45 GM facilities who work with students from more than 8,500 students to develop an understanding for water resources in their communities.

The GM Powertrain Engine Plant in Romulus is sponsoring students from Sharon Grandell's science class at Romulus Middle School for a third year in the program.

"We supply the students with all the necessary equipment such as monitoring kits, informational pamphlets and we also provide teachers with the instruments and information they will need to inform the students," said Lisa Parks, an environmental engineer at the GM

Powertrain Engine Plant, as well as the coordinator of the project.

The Romulus students will be studying and sampling the Rouge River, a hotbed for pollution in the State of Michigan, which has four main branches. Students will learn about water quality, pollution prevention, riverbed quality and how to conduct tests on the water in the weeks leading up to the 2004 River Rouge Monitoring Day.

Students from schools through out the Rouge watershed will be participating in Monitoring Day this year and they will be taking different samples from the water to detect how polluted their area is.

"The Rouge watershed tends to be less polluted at the top, then as it winds down the pollution begins to pile up and once you hit the bottom, it can get pretty bad," said Parks.

"The students will also be evaluating what type of pollution they see on the riverbed and what type of organisms are living there as well."

Officials at the engine plant said that the project aims to teach students that the major sources of pollution to the Rouge are stormwater runoff, combined sewer overflows and illicit discharges. The suspected illegal dump-

ing of oil into the Rouge received a lot of media attention, but they said that what keeps this river unfit for swimming is actually the small contributions made by residents.

"Our goal is to teach students about why water quality is so important in the future," said Parks. "We believe this teaches them that big industry is not always to blame for pollution. It is primarily residential pollution that makes the water unsafe for things like swimming and fishing. We want them to learn the things they can do at home to help clean up the Rouge watershed and at the same time educate them for the future environment."

Each classroom of students participating in Monitoring Day will be supplied with volunteers from GM plants across the area. These volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions the students may have.

The Romulus Transmission Operations (RTO) plant will also be sending volunteers to help students.

"Last year we sent five volunteers to help students from Westland and Farmington schools," said Maude Chatman, business communications integrator at RTO. "We feel that this program is very important for the kids and we are willing to do whatever we can to help educate them on pollution."

Trash - Governor signs bill to keep out trash

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"Sumpter Township has a 30-year contract with trash," said Loggans. "This issue is a two-headed sword for us. If we stop all the trash from coming into the landfill then we could go bankrupt. Ninety percent of the township's income is from trash. The only thing that the state can do is regulate it."

Loggans, a resident of the township for 26 years, said that he doesn't believe the landfill poses any health risks. He did say the landfill is an eyesore, though.

"If you look at one side you can see an eagle nest right above the wetland," said Loggans. "But if you turn to the other side, you see a huge landfill. With the new sale, the landfill is only going to get another 150 feet higher."

Wayne County has recorded a 56 percent increase in out-of-state and Canadian trash and a 63 percent increase in the amount of imported trash

being dumped into the Carleton Farms Landfill.

"One Sumpter Township women was seriously injured when she was hit by not one, but two, Canadian trash trucks near Carleton Farms Landfill, which takes all of the city of Toronto's garbage," said Law. "If that's not bad enough, the landfill also accepts Toronto's sewage sludge."

Supporters of the bill believe that it is not only an environmental issue, but a homeland security issue as well.

"Michigan is not going to be the nation's trash can," said Granholm. "We are only going to allow as much landfill space as needed. We want to be a state that recycles and protects the land."

However, the trash talking is not over yet between the Democrats and the Republicans. Stephanie Glysson, director of governmental affairs for Republican Services said the bills are bad

public policy.

"The bills are designed to keep the trash out of the state," said Glysson. "It has nothing to do with the health and welfare of the environment. Over a period of time everything you see around you will be trash; the clothes and shoes you wear; everything"

Glysson said that the House Republicans are going as far as taking this issue to the courts. Instead of worrying about trash, the worry should be directed toward the budget cuts and deficits that the state has; they have a fiscal responsibility, she said.

Granholm commended Law for her dedication on the issue.

"Her effectiveness in fighting for these new laws will help improve the quality of life for the residents of her district who have been impacted by the 1.55 million tons of trash that came into Sumpter Township in 2003," said Granholm.



Bill Crane, owner of Crane Funeral Home, and Rick Perry, owner of R.J. Perry Carpentry, are organizing a new business association for the downtown area aimed at maintaining the streets.

Association

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maintenance they are responsible for in front of their buildings and what the city is responsible for.

"Our goal is to create a corridor that families would feel comfortable spending an afternoon in," said Perry. "We want people to feel free to walk up and down the streets of the downtown area and be social and shop."

Part of creating this desired type of downtown setting includes developing a consistent look on the streets.

"If things look the same throughout, it creates a cohesive downtown," said Crane. "Things

like, the association would decide that all of the flowers are going to be pansies or geraniums or whatever, but it would create this flow throughout that our downtown needs."

The two men said they are eager for business owners to join the association.

"We want to get a positive consensus of where we should go as a group of business owners in this city," said Crane. "We want owners to understand that they can have input in things that are happening in the downtown area."

Dues for the association will be \$50 per year. Meetings will be in Romulus City Hall at 10:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. All downtown business owners are welcome to attend, Crane said.



The weather didn't keep supporters from standing in the rain at the anti-trash bill last Friday. Children from Sumpter Township cheered on Gov. Jennifer Granholm and State Rep. Kathleen Law (D-Gibraltar) holding signs and shouting support for their efforts.

Spring

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a rummage sale. Applications for free permits are available at the recreation center located on Bibbins Road.

During this clean up week, residents will also be able to

throw away items at the Department of Public Works (DPW) on Wayne Road at no charge.

However, residents must follow guidelines.

All items must be placed in bags, boxes or bundles for quick unloading. A driver's license or other proof of residency is required.

Officials of the DPW ask that no more than three bulky items per household, such as furniture or freon-free appliances, be dropped off.

All refrigeration units must have the freon removal certification sticker placed on them and construction debris will be limited to one truckload (pick-up truck) per household.

Residents are not allowed to place disposal items on DPW grounds.

They must wait for assistance from assigned DPW personnel so that items are disposed of properly in one of the receptacles, according to a department spokesman.

Items that will not be accepted include large car parts,

stumps, poisons, liquid waste, herbicides, appliances containing freon, lawn removers, sod, batteries, hazardous waste, flammables, brush, dirt, paint, oil, anti-freeze, limbs, concrete, solvents, explosives and pesticides.

For more information call (734) 942-7579 and to volunteer call (734) 955-4503.

OPINION

Business as usual

After an initial dustup about the Community Park expansion plan in Northville Township, the board of trustees got together last week and did what they usually do.

They set aside their differences, asked their questions and formulated some opinions in order to make an informed vote. In other words, they shelved their initial disagreements and worked together.

There will still be some discussion when the matter finally comes to a vote tonight, and that's a good thing. There are certainly people out there who still want to weigh in on this important decision, which will have a long-lasting effect for residents in both the township and the city of Northville. There are still some questions that need answers, a few t's that need to be crossed.

Members of the board have indicated they'll be ready to vote on the matter tonight. Indeed, some of them wish they already had. They'll have the same options – to proceed with the \$3 million expansion as planned, proceed with a portion of the plan or put it off for a year.

Whatever they ultimately decide on the issue, one fact is becoming increasingly apparent: township and city officials will soon have to reevaluate the shared services agreement they follow to operate their joint parks and recreation department.

That's not to say it should be dissolved, by any means. The cooperation between the city, the township and the school district remains an ideal that many communities should strive for and from which they could benefit.

It's simply a matter of changing times. The City of Northville, largely built out and with a relatively steady population base, can't keep up with the rapidly-growing population base in Northville Township. Clerk Sue Hillebrand said she's getting, on average, an additional 100 registered voters a month. That means about 50 families, many with children. Families will want more parks. With the dedicated millage, the township can afford to purchase land and develop them, but the ongoing funding of the projects is a concern. City officials don't have that option.

This will be a tricky issue for politicians to navigate during the coming months or years. It will be a fine line to provide for the needs of the residents in both communities, without straining the resources of either one or asking taxpayers to subsidize a program that they don't necessarily use.

The discussion on Community Park is a good thing because it brings these questions to the forefront now, rather than later. Whatever the board decides tonight, they'll have a step forward in the race to solve the larger problem.

Effort shouldn't be 'wasted'

It was almost a festive occasion last week when Gov. Jennifer Granholm visited a park in Sumpter Township to sign several pieces of legislation designed to limit the amount of trash imported into the State of Michigan.

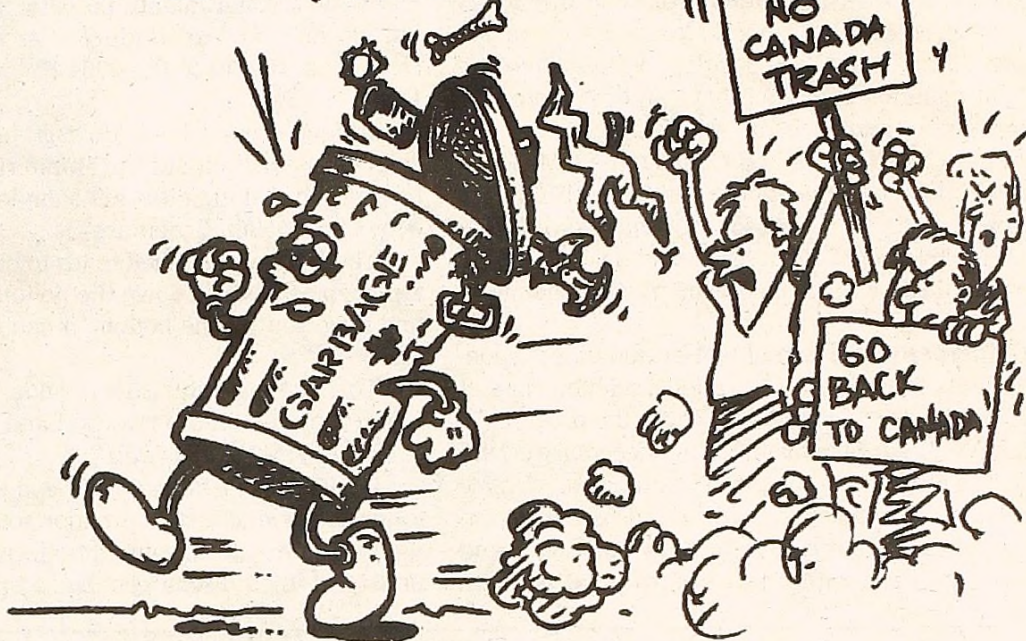
There were chants, signs held aloft and cheers as the pen touched the paper.

There's good reason for the celebration, too, because the laws have the potential to make a significant impact on the influx of waste, something legislators have decried for years, but never have been able to stem. That's because the laws governing the import of waste fall under a higher jurisdiction than a mere state government; they deal with interstate commerce, and that typically falls under the purview of the federal government.

Of course, Granholm has done battle against these types of issues before. As attorney general, she joined a suit filed by local municipal-

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A JOB IN T.V. PROGRAMMING!!



A pretty 'basic' option

I was skeptical when I entered the Food Basics store in Wayne, which opened Tuesday morning.

So skeptical, I think, that I subconsciously procrastinated at the office long enough to miss the official ribbon cutting ceremony that took place at 10 a.m.

I still don't want this thing in my town, although it hasn't looked as bad as I feared. The green isn't as blinding as the color swatches officials from the company showed to city council; and City Planner Matt Miller worked with the group to hide the ugly brown patch on the Michigan Avenue façade.

I'm not crazy about the philosophy of the store: fewer items, less service, lower costs. I still want to see something upscale, rather than down-scale. The argument that most people wanted to go to several different places to shop rather than one never made sense to me, a generally busy person who would prefer to get all my groceries at one store rather than make a bunch of different stops, fighting traffic between each of them.

I even felt a slight dismay at what the proliferation of these types of stores means for our society; a vague, gnawing sadness that we can be reduced to such a

low common denominator. A store can openly boast that they just sell the most common items, and they can make a good profit at it. I mean, what does this mean for our individuality? But that might be an argument better left to places where lava lamps gurgle in dim corners and thick, pungent smoke curls about stationary ceiling fans, so I digress.

Obviously, the store looks better on the inside now that it did when it carried the Farmer Jack moniker. But hey, so does my shed.

The shelves are neatly lined with items, produce virtually spilling out of bins, bright in their colors. Everywhere I looked huge signs noted that things were fresh every day, as if they were not trying to merely announce the fact, but convince people of it.

And there were lots and lots of people. The lines were so long, in fact, that some of them had given up on the wait and left laden carts scattered throughout the aisles. More people, I'd guess, than visited the Farmer Jack's store in a month.

Nothing I saw, though, would convince me to actually patronize the shop, until I came to the beer cooler. I probably shouldn't say that I make many of my deci-

sions on where to go based on the type of beer they sell there, but there you go, and Heineken at a buck a bottle ain't a bad deal at all.

On the way out of the store, I wandered past another of my weaknesses, when I saw a whole rack of Hawaiian print shirts for \$8 apiece. Never one to give in to the conventions of modern fashion, I have a hard time passing up an ugly, cheap shirt; they're kind of like collectors items to me, I line them up in the closet the way some people put porcelain plates depicting the career of Elvis Presley on their mantle.

I still can't promise that I'll buy anything from the store or even that I'll pay it much attention. But for now, at least, it seems to bring people into the community and that's a good thing. Whether or not it will remain a clean and well-maintained place remains to be seen.

And hopefully, as Mayor Al Haidous said, the store will serve to bring in more businesses, as well.

That's fine, as long as the types of businesses it attracts helps build up the image of the city.

Close
to the
Edge

by Scott Spielman

LETTERS

American Heart Association executive expresses thanks

To the editor:

An automated external defibrillator, commonly called AED, was donated this month to the City of Romulus and two AEDs were donated to the City of Inkster from Henry Ford Health System in conjunction with Medtronic and the American Heart Association. These units will be placed with EMS workers in Inkster and in a first response vehicle in Romulus.

Why is this gift so important to your community? Every year in

the United States, nearly 250,000 people die from sudden cardiac arrest. While CPR will keep oxygen circulating, a defibrillator is the only chance of survival for the majority of these victims. For every minute that passes without treatment, the victim's change of survival decreases by 10 percent. Since time is of the essence for these victims, it is crucial that all potential medical first responders be equipped with life-saving AEDs.

The timely application of CPR and use of AEDs helps save thousands of lives each year in the United States. Better understanding of CPR can help save

more lives. People interested in learning CPR should contact the American Heart Association office at (800) 968-1793 or visit www.cpr-ecc.americanheart.org.

We want to thank Henry Ford Health System and Medtronic for their dedication to Inkster and Romulus. Also thank you to Chief Michael Moor, Chief Allison and their staffs and other employees who are able to partner with us to provide quality care for Romulus and Inkster residents.

Thomas H. Ritter,
Chairman Metro
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American Heart Association.

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Did you know that 30 percent of Americans will eat everything on their plate — no matter how much food is there? When you consider that portions in restaurants have increased over the years, you can begin to understand one aspect of our country's growing obesity problem.

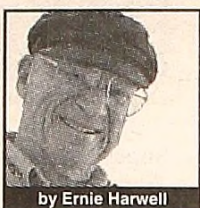
Sandy Koufax, the great pitcher for the Dodgers, had a good idea about eating — and this was long before dieting got as popular as it is now. He'd go out to a restaurant and he would eat half of what was served to him, no matter what it was. If it was a 16-ounce steak, he'd eat 8 ounces. If it was a bowl of soup, he'd eat a half a bowl of soup. And it's not a bad idea because you've got to get over the feeling that it's bad to leave food on your plate.

So next time you sit down for a meal, forfeit your membership in the "Clean

Plate Club." You might find that it's just the trick to help you take a few extra inches off the waistline.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.



by Ernie Harwell

Sisters knew how to live

"Have you met the sisters yet?" I said to Barney McDonald.

"No, what sisters?"

"The younger one just bought a new car. . . she's 88 years old. Her sister is 90, and available," I answered chuckling.

"You're kidding," Barney said.

"Nope, they were at the earlier seating for dinner last night and were talking about it."

We are in the dining car of Le Canadien, the sleek, all stainless steel refurbished 1950s VIA Rail of Canada passenger train.

We'd left Toronto earlier that day under rainy skies headed for Vancouver. There were folks from England, France, Germany, Austria, Michigan and a couple of other states on board. Oh, and, one fellow from Andorra. That would be Barney.

An 80-year-old Irishman, Barney McDonald was born and raised in Galway, Ireland. He'd taken a cruise to Alaska, and then jumped the train from Vancouver to Halifax. Now he was on his way back to Vancouver. There he'd catch a plane to Salt Lake City, where his 50-year-old girlfriend would join him on a flight to Andorra.

Telling Barney I was curious about the sisters, I walked through a half a dozen compartments and sleeper cars before got lucky.

"Excuse me, are you the sister who bought the new car?"

"Oh, no, no," she said, laughing. "It was my younger sister. I'm Gladys Bush," she had a dazzling warm smile. She was wearing a bright pink crocheted sweater.

"How'd you hear about the car?" she asked.

"Why, the whole train is talking about you two," I replied.

She scrunched up her face and giggled. Taking my hand she led me to another her kid sister, Pauline Anderson.

Pauline was wearing a bright green sweater with rust colored maple leaves on it. A fall sweater.

"Yes," Pauline said, "The old '97 just wasn't enough car."

The gals recently decided they were getting older now, so they bought something else.

"We thought it might be wise to buy a little place and live together in case one of us got sick," Gladys said.

Neither sister has even been hospitalized, and, oh, the perils of Pauline, she is

the only one taking medicine. It's for cholesterol.

"So, we bought a four bedroom, three-story condo," Pauline said tee-heeing. "It's got four-and-a-half bathrooms."

"We can each be in a different part of the house and not know the other is there," laughed Gladys, "It's perfect."

Both gals are widows.

"We couldn't catch anyone," Gladys laughed.

"Not up to our standards," Pauline adds. "And we didn't want to just keep someone." Somehow, I couldn't get the image of these two being sugar mamas.

Dinner was announced and the sisters bounced off to the dining car.

Life is the most precious gift we'll ever have. How we live it, is how we think. When we choose to make change in our life that leads us to being happier, we call on courage, because most of us fear change.

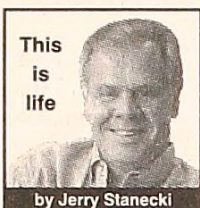
I'm here to tell you today that the rewards of living life large, with a wonderful peaceful, easy feeling, are incredible.

In this day and age of instant gratification and mere hours between coasts, even countries, I wondered what it would be like to take time to go slow. I imagined time to visit with strangers, to hear their stories, share the laughter and touch each other's lives. That's when I decided, and not long after, I climbed on board the train to the magical sound of "All aboard."

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Trash

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ities to try to limit the amount of time trains could block roadways.

These so-called trash bills won't necessarily halt the import of the waste, but they do set a standard for all types of waste brought into Michigan landfills. They ban types of garbage that aren't currently allowed from Michigan waste haulers, which at least sets a level playing field.

It's a good start.

The fight against growing and more prevalent landfills is one that will not go away, regardless of how much we would like it to. It will remain a constant thorn in our side because we are, at the core, a wasteful society.

Trash — wherever it may originate — will continue to flood our landfills until we make some fundamental changes and further the fight for additional recycling avenues.

The bills signed last week are a good step, but this is a fight that each and every one of us can help win.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2004

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Environmental Director Swallow, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Interim Public Safety Director Smolen, Planning and Zoning Administrator Pugsley, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of eighteen (18).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendment: Under "New Business" remove Item # 9 "Consider first reading of Ordinance 03-16-04(2) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to revise regulations pertaining to Accessory Buildings and Structures." Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Payne seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right of way in the Briarwood Estates Subdivision. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated Briarwood Estates Subdivision is located off Elwell Road between West Huron River Drive and Hull Road and is a fifty-three unit single-family development. In November 2003 the special assessment district was established for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right of way throughout the development. The DTE Energy Company provides a program that is used to install and maintain street lighting. A requirement of the program is for the local municipality to be billed for street lighting and in turn the special assessment roll provides for those payments to be reimbursed from the benefited party via a special assessment roll. The Township takes the annual cost of streetlights and spreads the special assessment over the tax roll. Included in the Board packet is a copy of the Special Assessment Roll with a list of the homeowners and a map showing where the streetlights are to be placed. The initial annual cost of \$2,577.52 is to be spread among the fifty-three homes and with an annual cost per lot of \$48.63 to be paid by the homeowner's. Director Kelley further stated during the Public Hearing in November 2003 members of the subdivisions voiced concerns with the developer of Briarwood subdivision in regards to the time frame for completion of various tasks associated with completion of the subdivision other than street lighting. At a meeting held in February 2004 between the homeowners, the developer and township staff these items were addressed.

Supervisor King reviewed the documents contained in the agenda packet as follows. A notification letter dated March 1, 2004 to the property owners of this public hearing for the special assessment roll; a letter from DTE Energy of the costs; a list of all of the property owners in Briarwood Estates Subdivision; a memo of the action taken at the meeting with the homeowners, the developer and the Township; and a map indicating the placement for the street lights. Supervisor King reiterated the meeting between the homeowners and developer went well and there is an understating between the parties of outstanding issues.

Trustee Hart asked if there was a timeline for these action items to be completed? Director Kelley stated the township action items have been completed and the developer has completed the first part of his by delivering letters to the affected homeowners of the specific building items within thirty days.

Comments and questions from the audience as follows: Residents of the Briarwood Estates homeowner's association asked what was left in this process to complete the street lighting and if the funds from the developer are escrowed? Supervisor King stated if the Board approves the special assessment roll this is the final step and the rest is an administrative duty of the Treasurer's Office to spread the special assessment roll to the homeowner's tax bill. Director Kelley stated it is a matter of scheduling with DTE Energy the project to be started and the funds from the developer are escrowed. What is the procedure to have the Homeowner's Association recognized by the Township? Director Kelley stated the procedure is in the Master Deed. Finally, a resident of the subdivision thanked Director Kelley for his assistance in this process.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right of way in the Visteon Village Development. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated this is the same DTE Energy street lighting program as in prior public hearing. As part of the Visteon Village development plan and public improvements a new public road is being constructed. Visteon Corporation is requesting streetlights in the public road right of way be placed on this public road. The Public Hearing Notice is addressed to residents and property owners in this case there are only two property owners who will be assessed are Visteon Corporation with two parcels and DTE Energy with one. The matter in which the roll was spread was based on acreage. Supervisor King stated the initial capital outlay is \$100,291.77 and the annual maintenance cost is \$12,776.99 per year to be paid by Visteon Corporation and DTE Energy.

There were no comments from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of March 1, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of

March 2, 2004 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: An email from a local resident thanking the Public Safety Department for conducting property checks.

Supervisor King read correspondence from the State of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in regard to a new program called MI Travel Counts. For more information contact MORPACE International at 800.566.6262, or MDOT at 517.241.1301 and visit the project website at www.michigan.gov/mitravelcounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-08 the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right of way in the Briarwood Estates Subdivision. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-09 the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right of way in the Visteon Village Development. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 03-16-04(1) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone portions of parcels of land known as V125-83-041-99-0001-714 and V125-83-041-99-0001-001 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to C-1 (General Business). Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 03-16-04(1) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Payne moved, Hart seconded to allow Trustee Jahr to abstain from voting on "New Business" Item # 4 "Consider final plat approval for the proposed Rolan Meadows Residential Subdivision located on the south side of Tyler Road, west of Haggerty Road and immediately east of the Andover Farms Subdivision parcel number V125-83-054-99-0001-000." Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the final plat approval for the proposed Rolan Meadows Residential Subdivision located on the south side of Tyler Road, west of Haggerty Road and immediately east of the Andover Farms Subdivision parcel number V125-83-054-99-0001-000, with the following conditions: a) Prior to the issuance of building permits the storm water maintenance agreement between the joint Andover Farms and Rolan Meadows entity be adopted by the Township, as typically done for all new storm water maintenance facilities in the Township. b) Prior to the issuance of building permits for homes in the subdivision the necessary deeds and transfer of lands in and around the storm water management facility be completed. c) The payment and guarantee of all bonds, permits, fees and sureties as required by Township Ordinance. Yeas: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak. Nays: None. Absent and excused: None. Abstention: Jahr. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-10 the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wayne County and the Township to pave Tyler Road from I-275 to Hannan Road. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-11 approving the appointments of Michael Dotson as the representative from Wayne County Community College District and David Tyler as the representative from Wayne County to the Local Development Finance Authority. Carried.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to approve the split and combination of parcels V125-83-101-01-0007-000 (lot 7, Moore Bros. Subdivision) and V125-83-101-01-0008-301 (lot 8 except the northerly part measuring 64.56 ft. on westerly lot line and 160 ft. on easterly lot line Moore Bros. Subdivision) specifically identifying items one through seven: the cost of any and/or all utility improvements will be borne by the property owner(s); approval in no way changes zoning requirements for the proposed parcels; approval in no way implies or guarantees permits and/or approvals from federal, state, county or local agencies; this will include but not be limited to roadway access point(s); it shall be noted that the Bunton Drain, which currently traverses the eastern side of parcel V125-83-101-01-0008-301 (Lot 8 B1), has at minimum a 50 foot easement for drain activities and that the Wayne County Drain Map shows an 8 inch tile drain called the "Sterling Drain" that bisects parcels V125-83-101-01-0007-000 and V125-83-101-01-0008-301 (Lots 7 and 8 B1) north to south and that Wayne County may hold a 50 foot easement over the centerline of the drain for maintenance purposes. This along with the Wolverine Gas Line Easement may cause some logistical and/or construction constraints for future owners of the property; submission of a certified survey by a registered land surveyor for each requested parcel(s); payment of any fees and/or costs; approval will be valid for six months. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve Wade-Trim's proposal to develop procedures to correct the GIS Parcel Base in an amount not to exceed \$5,600 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to approve the permit application by SBC to construct underground telecommunications infrastructure in the township. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to regretfully accept the resignation of Scott Kaye from the Planning Commission and to approve appointment of Charles Covington to fill the vacancy with a term to expire October 1, 2005. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the appointment of Laurie Watkins to fill the vacancy as an alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to expire December 1, 2006 and to acknowledge Lynn Hamilton for his years of service. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the March 16, 2004 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the February 2004 Public Safety Report and the 2003 Environmental Commission Annual Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Drive-In Dog Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 1,

OBITUARIES

JOHNSON, Richard L. Jr.
Richard L. Johnson, Jr., 38, of Romulus, died March 20.
Among his survivors his are wife, Velma M. (Jones) Johnson; sons, Michael Alan Johnson, Jeremy Joseph Johnson and Richard Lee Johnson, III, all of Romulus; a daughter, Jessica Nicole Johnson, of Romulus; brothers, Linus (Heather) Johnson and James Johnson, both of Taylor and Christopher Johnson of Petersburg; a sister, Betty Sue (Leroy) Araida of Kentucky, and his parents, Richard Lee and Betty (Burnett) Johnson, Sr. of Petersburg, MI.
Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. Paul Cowan of the Wyandotte Assembly of God officiating.
Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

BACHMAN, David L. Sr.
David L. Bachman, Sr., 57, of Romulus, formerly of Belleville, died March 17.
Among his survivors are his wife, Lana (Wright) Bachman; children, David (Maria) Bachman, Jr. of Ypsilanti, and Kimberly (Brian) Tooley of Romulus; his parents, James and Bernice (Bassett) Bachman; brothers, James, Jerry and Daniel Bachman; sisters, Peggy Swaffer and Barbara Tompkins, and grandchildren, Samuel and Katie Bachman and Olivia Tooley.
Mr. Bachman was a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Ypsilanti.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Scott Guenther officiating.
Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

BALDINI, Nancy Jo
Nancy Jo Baldini, 57, of Romulus, formerly of Belleville, died March 19.
Among her survivors are her husband of nearly 30 years, Rudy Lee Baldini; daughters, Malissa M. Kahn of Inkster, Donni Lee (Craig) Sanderson of Gregory, MI and BobbiJo (Chris) Shevrovich of Ypsilanti; stepchildren, Julie, Michelle and Jeff Baldini, all of Canton Township; brothers,

Tom (Bridgette) Richardson of Florida, Jim (Beverly) Richardson of California, Jerry (Pam) and John (Carol) Richardson, all of Northern Michigan and Joe (Shirley) Couchman of Westland; sisters, Charleen Caruana of Wayne and Marilyn (Gary) Fullerton, both of Westland; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and a great-granddaughter, Destiny Jamiefield.
Mrs. Baldini was a former member of the Church of God in Belleville and attended the Ypsilanti Baptist Temple.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Lisa Ann Terry officiating.
Interment was at Denton Cemetery in Van Buren Township.

FOY, Diane Kay
Diane Kay (Gonczy) Foy, 56, of Canton Township, formerly of Belleville, died March 19.
Among her survivors are her children, Lisa (Tim) Summerfelt of Jackson, Lori Hansor of Detroit, Karen Conczy of Canton and Brian (Karie) Gonczy of Ypsilanti; 13 nieces and nephews; sister, Sherril Sancho of Belleville; brothers, James Darichuk of Kentucky, Richard Zeeb of Fenton and Bill Barichuk of Arizona, and grandchildren, Derek Gonczy, Ryan McWilliams, Marissa Hansor and Heather Hansor.
A memorial mass was at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Ms. Foy taught catechism for several years, with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant.
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

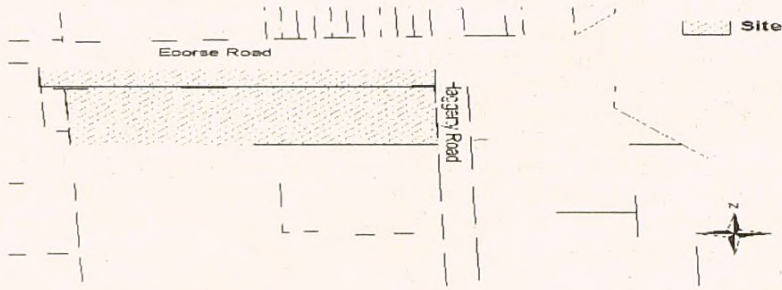
KREIE, Myrtle P.
Myrtle P. Kreie, 92, of Livonia, died March 27.
Among her survivors are her children, Robert O. (Betty Lou) Kreie of Ogunquit, ME, JoAnne L. (William) Osborne of Belleville, Elizabeth A. (Harold) Akers of Danville, IND, Kathleen S. (Frank) Vicchy of Belleville and Joyce M. (Richard) Maton of Belleville; 15 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.
Mrs. Kreie was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belleville

and was active with the Ladies Aide Society, the Van Buren Seniors Club and a seniors bowling league.
Funeral services were at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. James A. Frey officiating.
Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

THORNE, Mavis Hawn
Mavis Hawn Thorne, 80, of Romulus, died March 16.
Among her survivors are a sister, Eloise (Ben) Muccioli of Livonia; sisters-in-law, Nancy Reno of Romulus and Dorene (Valerio) Maroncelli of Dearborn Heights, and many nieces and nephews.
Mrs. Thorne and her husband raised horses for many years on their family farm in Romulus.

Interment of cremains was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

ADAMS, Lois Irene
Lois Irene Adams, 76, of Westland, died March 9.
Among her survivors are her sons, Thomas (Deborah) Adams, Larry (Judy) Adams, Neil (Lucinda) Adams and Brian Adams; a daughters, Janice Adams; sisters, Marion Patricia Keck, Carol Davis and Nancy Dear; 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.
Funeral seravices were at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Wayne with the Rev. Robert Schultz officiating.
Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Wayne.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 03-16-04 (1) PROPOSED REZONING MAP

First Reading of Ordinance 03-16-04 (1), Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustee on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 03-16-04 (1)

To rezone parcel numbers: V125-83-041-99-0001-714 and V125-83-041-99-0001-001 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to C-1 (General Business).

Legal Description of Property:
Parcel number and Parcel number V125-83-041-99-0001-714 and V125-83-041-99-0001-001, located on the south side of Ecorse Road between Morton Taylor and Haggerty Road.

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2004.

Yeas: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak.
Nays:None.
Absent:None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 03-16-04 (1) was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Water and Sewer building located behind township hall.

The quilt exhibit on display at the Belleville Area Museum will run through the end of March.

The annual cemetery cleaning will begin on March 31, 2004 and will run through April 10, 2004 at the four township cemeteries. New items may be displayed beginning April 11, 2004. The four township cemeteries are Tyler, Otisville, Denton and Soop. For further information contact the DPW Leader, Jeff Fondaw at 734.699.8921 extension 228.

The Recreation Department announced the following events: The annual Marshmallow Drop will be held on Saturday, April 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. The rainout date is Sunday, April 4th at 1:30 p.m. In addition, a pancake breakfast will be held prior to the Marshmallow drop in the Van Buren Township Gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. A Breakout Culture Spring Break Camp will be held April 12th through April 16th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There still spaces available for the summer "Tween Camp" for campers ages eleven and twelve. For further information on classes and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

On Saturday, March 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. a Belleville Lake Shoreline Management Workshop will be held at Van Buren Township Hall. For further information contact the Environmental Department at 699.8913.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Carried.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: April 1, 2004

CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX B
CHAPTER 38
ROMULUS EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

An Ordinance to amend the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances Chapter 38 Romulus Employee Pension Plan.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1: Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Ordinance Amendment for Minimum Distribution Requirements under the Amended Romulus Employee Pension Plan.

Section 2: Effective for Plan Years beginning on or after July 1, 2003, a new Section 38.5.6A is hereby added to read as follows:

Section 38.5.6A

(a) GENERAL RULES

(i) Effective Date. Unless a later effective date is specified in subsection (f)(i) of this Amendment, the provisions of this Amendment will apply for purposes of determining required minimum distributions for calendar years beginning with the 2002 calendar year.

(ii) Coordination with Minimum Distribution Requirements Previously in Effect. If the effective date of this Amendment is earlier than calendar years beginning with the 2003 calendar year, required minimum distributions for 2002 under this Amendment will be determined as follows. If the total amount of 2002 required minimum distributions under the Plan made to the distributee prior to the effective date of this Amendment equals or exceeds the required minimum distributions determined under this Amendment, then no additional distributions will be required to be made for 2002 on or after such date to the distributee. If the total amount of 2002 required minimum distributions under the Plan made to the distributee prior to the effective date of this Amendment is less than the amount determined under this Amendment, then required minimum distributions for 2002 on and after such date will be determined so that the total amount of required minimum distributions for 2002 made to the distributee will be the amount determined under this Amendment.

(iii) Precedence. The requirements of this Amendment will take precedence over any inconsistent provisions of the Plan.

(iv) Requirements of Treasury Regulations Incorporated. All distributions required under this Amendment will be determined and made in accordance with the Treasury regulations under Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(v) TEFRA Section 242(b)(2) Elections. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Amendment, distributions may be made under a designation made before January 1, 1984, in accordance with Section 242(b)(2) of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) and the provisions of the Plan that relate to Section 242(b)(2) of TEFRA.

(b) TIME AND MANNER OF DISTRIBUTION

(i) Required Beginning Date. The Participant's entire interest will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, to the Participant no later than the Participant's required beginning date.

(ii) Death of Participant Before Distributions Begin. If the Participant dies before distributions begin, the Participant's entire interest will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, no later than as follows:

(a) If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated beneficiary, then, except as provided in subsection (f), distributions to the surviving spouse will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died, or by December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant would have attained age 70 1/2, if later.

(b) If the Participant's surviving spouse is not the Participant's sole designated beneficiary, then, except as provided in subsection (f), distributions to the designated beneficiary will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died.

(c) If there is no designated beneficiary as of September 30 of the year following the year of the Participant's death, the Participant's entire interest will be distributed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death.

(d) If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated beneficiary and the surviving spouse dies after the Participant but before distributions to the surviving spouse begin, this subsection (b)(ii), other than subparagraph (a) above, will apply as if the surviving spouse were the Participant.

For purposes of this subsection (b)(ii) and subparagraph (d) above, unless subparagraph (d) immediately above applies, distributions are considered to begin on the Participant's required beginning date. If subparagraph (d) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving spouse under subparagraph (a) above. If distributions under an annuity purchased from an insurance company irrevocably commence to the Participant before the Participant's required beginning date (or to the Participant's surviving spouse before the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving spouse under subpara

graph (a)), the date distributions are considered to begin is the date distributions actually commence.

(iii) Forms of Distribution. Unless the Participant's interest is distributed in the form of an annuity purchased from an insurance company or in a single sum on or before the required beginning date, as of the first distribution calendar year distributions will be made in accordance with subsections (c) and (d) of this Amendment. If the Participant's interest is distributed in the form of an annuity purchased from an insurance company, distributions thereunder will be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 401(a)(9) of the Code and the Treasury regulations.

(c) REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS DURING PARTICIPANT'S LIFETIME

(i) Amount of Required Minimum Distribution For Each Distribution

Calendar Year. During the Participant's lifetime, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each distribution calendar year is the lesser of:

(a) the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the distribution period in the Uniform Lifetime Table set forth in Section 1.401(a)(9)-9 of the Treasury regulations, using the Participant's age as of the Participant's birthday in the distribution calendar year; or

(b) if the Participant's sole designated beneficiary for the distribution calendar year is the Participant's spouse, the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the number in the Joint and Last Survivor Table set forth in Section 1.401(a)(9)-9 of the Treasury regulations, using the Participant's and spouse's attained ages as of the Participant's and spouse's birthdays in the distribution calendar year.

(ii) Lifetime Required Minimum Distributions Continue Through Year of Participant's Death. Required minimum distributions will be determined under this subsection (c) beginning with the first distribution calendar year and up to and including the distribution calendar year that includes the Participant's date of death.

(d) REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS AFTER PARTICIPANT'S DEATH

(i) Death On or After Date Distributions Begin.

(a) Participant Survived by Designated Beneficiary. If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is a designated beneficiary, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each distribution calendar year after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the longer of the remaining life expectancy of the Participant or the remaining life expectancy of the Participant's designated beneficiary, determined as follows:

(1) The Participant's remaining life expectancy is calculated using the age of the Participant in the year of death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.

(2) If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated beneficiary, the remaining life expectancy of the surviving spouse is calculated for each distribution calendar year after the year of the Participant's death using the surviving spouse's age as of the spouse's birthday in that year. For distribution calendar years after the year of the surviving spouse's death, the remaining life expectancy of the surviving spouse is calculated using the age of the surviving spouse as of the spouse's birthday in the calendar year of the spouse's death, reduced by one for each subsequent calendar year.

(3) If the Participant's surviving spouse is not the Participant's sole designated beneficiary, the designated beneficiary's remaining life expectancy is calculated using the age of the beneficiary in the year following the year of the Participant's death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.

(b) No Designated Beneficiary. If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is no designated beneficiary as of September 30 of the year after the year of the Participant's death, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each distribution calendar year after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the Participant's remaining life expectancy calculated using the age of the Participant in the year of death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.

(ii) Death Before Date Distributions Begin.

(a) Participant Survived by Designated Beneficiary. Except as provided in subsection (f), if the Participant dies before the date distributions begin and there is a designated beneficiary, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each distribution calendar year after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the remaining life expectancy of the Participant's designated beneficiary, determined as provided in subsection (d)(i).

(b) No Designated Beneficiary. If the Participant dies before the date distributions begin and there is no designated beneficiary as of September 30 of the year following the year of the Participant's death, distribution of the Participant's entire interest will be completed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death.

(c) Death of Surviving Spouse Before Distributions to Surviving Spouse Are Required to Begin. If the Participant dies before the date distributions begin, the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated beneficiary, and the surviving spouse dies before distributions are required to begin to the surviving spouse under subsection (b)(ii), this subsection (d)(ii) will apply as if the surviving spouse were the Participant.

(e) DEFINITIONS

(i) Designated beneficiary. The individual who is designated as the Beneficiary under the Plan and is the designated beneficiary under Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 1.401(a)(9)-1, Q&A-4, of the Treasury regulations.

(ii) Distribution calendar year. A calendar year for which a minimum distribution is required. For distributions beginning before the Participant's death, the first distribution calendar year is the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year which contains the Participant's required beginning date. For distributions beginning after the Participant's death, the first distribution calendar year is the calendar year in which distributions are required to begin under subsection (b)(ii). The required minimum distribution for the Participant's first distribution calendar year will be made on or before the Participant's required beginning date. The required minimum distribution for other distribution calendar years, including the required minimum distribution for the distribution calendar year in which the Participant's required beginning date occurs, will be made on or before December 31 of that distribution calendar year.

(iii) Life expectancy. Life expectancy as computed by use of the Single Life Table in Section 1.401(a)(9)-9 of the Treasury regulations.

(iv) Participant's account balance. The account balance as of the last valuation date in the calendar year immediately preceding the distribution calendar year (valuation calendar year) increased by the amount of any contributions made and allocated or forfeitures allocated to the account balance as of dates in the valuation calendar year after the valuation date and decreased by distributions made in the valuation calendar year after the valuation date. The account balance for the valuation calendar year includes any amounts rolled over or transferred to the Plan either in the valuation calendar year or in the distribution calendar year if distributed or transferred in the valuation calendar year.

(v) Required beginning date. The date specified in the Plan when distributions under Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code are required to begin.

(f) ADOPTION AGREEMENT ELECTIONS

The questions in this subsection (f) only need to be completed in order to override the default provisions set forth below. If all of the default provisions will apply,

County treasurer extends deadline for tax payments

Homeowners will now have an extra 30 days to pay late Wayne County property tax, thanks to Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz.

Wojtowicz was successful in his request to the Wayne County Circuit Court asking for an extension of the deadline to pay delinquent 2001 county real property taxes.

The deadline has now been extended, according to Wojtowicz, from the prescribed date of March 31, 2004 to April 30, 2004. The court granted the new date for taxpayers to either pay the taxes or file an application for financial hardship.

The request to the court was made in part as a result of the strong response to the county outreach program in February and March that has reduced the number of properties subject to foreclosure by more than 41 percent, a spokesman said. This includes a 37 percent reduction in Detroit and a 55 percent reduction out-county.

"I do not want to see citizens lose their property. I encourage anyone who has delinquent taxes questions or concerns to contact either my office or the county office of corporation counsel at (313) 224-5030 for assistance," Wojtowicz said.

Hardship applications to defer payment are still available for eligible taxpayers, he added.

"Extending the deadline enables us to

further the cooperative efforts and our collective success. The new date will give people more time to pay, Wojtowicz said, and further our cooperative efforts.

CITY OF ROMULUS

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, May 3, 2004 at 6:30 p.m., in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan for the purpose of discussing the Proposed Budget. The Proposed Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk

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NOTICE

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF WAYNE

Annual School Election June 14, 2004

LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2004 4:00 P.M.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Nominating petitions for filling two (2) vacancies as a Member of the Board of Education in the Romulus Community School District may be obtained from the office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TWO (2) - FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS

Deadline for submission of nominating petitions is Monday, April 12, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time. Petitions should contain a minimum of forty (40) signatures of voters registered in the Romulus Community School District or Candidates may pay a one hundred dollar (\$ 100.00) filing fee in lieu of filing petitions..

Linda R. Choate, CMC
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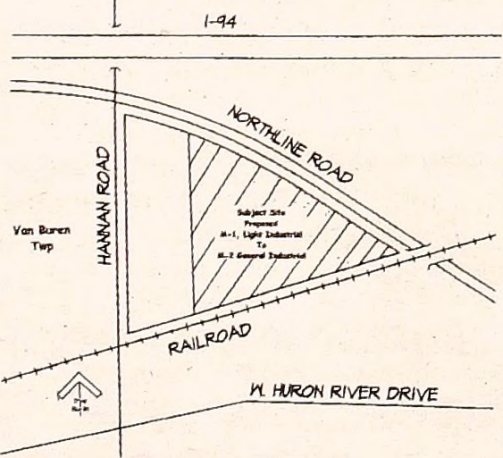
CITY OF ROMULUS

PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2004, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone approximately 11.26 +/- acres of, DP#, 82-80-074-01-0147-301, from M-1, Light Industrial District, to M-2, General Industrial District. The subject site is located on the southeast corner of Hannan and Northline Roads. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, April 19, 2004, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
City Clerk

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questions should be skipped. From page 8

Unless the employer elects otherwise in this subsection (f), the following defaults apply:

- 1) The minimum distribution requirements are effective for distribution calendar years beginning with the 2002 calendar year unless a later date is specified in subsection (f) of this Amendment.
- 2) Participants or beneficiaries may elect on an individual basis whether the 5-year rule or the life expectancy rule in the Plan applies to distributions after the death of a Participant who has a designated beneficiary.

(i) Effective Date of Plan Amendment for Section 401(a)(9) Final and Temporary Treasury Regulations.

(X) This Amendment applies for purposes of determining required minimum distributions for distribution calendar years beginning with the 2003 calendar year, as well as required mini-mum distributions for the 2002 distribution calendar year that are made on or after (leave blank if this Amendment does not apply to any minimum distributions for the 2002 distribution calendar year).

(ii) Election to not permit Participants or Beneficiaries to Elect 5-Year Rule. Unless elected below, Participants or beneficiaries may elect on an individual basis whether the 5-year rule or the life expectancy rule in subsections (b)(ii) and (d)(ii) of this Amendment applies to distributions after the death of a Participant who has a designated beneficiary. The election must be made no later than the earlier of September 30 of the calendar year in which distribution would be required to begin under subsection (b)(ii) of this Amendment, or by September 30 of the calendar year which contains the fifth anniversary of the Participant's (or, if applicable, surviving spouse's) death. If neither the Participant nor beneficiary makes an election under this paragraph, distributions will be made in accordance with subsections (b)(ii) and (d)(ii) of this Amendment and, if applicable, the elections in subsection (f)(iii) of this Amendment below.

() The provision set forth above in this subsection (f)(ii) shall not apply. Rather, subsections (b)(ii) and (d)(ii) of this Amendment shall apply except as elected in subsection (f)(iii) of this Amendment below.

(iii) Election to Apply 5-Year Rule to Distributions to Designated Beneficiaries.

() If the Participant dies before distributions begin and there is a designated beneficiary, distribution to the designated beneficiary is not required to begin by the date specified in the Plan, but the Participant's entire interest will be distributed to the designated beneficiary by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death. If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated beneficiary and the surviving spouse dies after the Participant but before distributions to either the Participant or the surviving spouse begin, this election will apply as if the surviving spouse were the Participant.

If the above is elected, then this election will apply to:

- () All distributions.
- () The following distributions:

(iv) Election to Allow Designated Beneficiary Receiving Distributions Under 5-Year Rule to Elect Life Expectancy Distributions.

() A designated beneficiary who is receiving payments under the 5-year rule may make a new election to receive payments under the life expectancy rule until December 31, 2003, provided that all amounts that would have been required to be distributed under the life expectancy rule for all distribution calendar years before 2004 are distributed by the earlier of December 31, 2003 or the end of the 5-year period.

Section 3: Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4: Savings

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Section 5: Severability

Should any clause, sentence, paragraph, subsection or section of this Article be declared void or otherwise invalid, for any reason, by any court, such declaration shall not affect any portion of this Article other than the part specifically declared to be void.

Section 6: Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk

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THE SCENE

Local artist wins honor

Scott Spielman
Editor

Plymouth architect and artist Dennis Jones is making a name for himself.

Jones, a residential architect known locally for his work on the Sandra Sagar Wall of Courage at Plymouth High School took second place in the 23rd annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition, which is hosted at the Birmingham and Bloomfield Art Center. The exhibition continues until April 9.

"It was a nice thing to be involved in," Jones said. "It's an excellent show. There is a lot of good work there."

Jones won for his work, *Have You Ever Felt This Terrible Burning Inside?*

Jones said that even getting into the exhibition is a difficult proposition. The event draws more than 300 up-and-coming artists every year, according to organizers. Each artist submits two pieces of work, which means the judges sift through as many as 600 works of art as they try to select the top 100 artists for the show.

Other exhibitors include Jan Michael Field of Belleville, Michael C. Zahratka of Canton Township and Igor Beginin and Connie Lucas of Plymouth.

Jones said he works on mainly residential architecture from his home studio. The art is a good complement to that type of work, but there can be many similarities between them. He received his master's degree in fine art from Wayne State University and an architectural degree

from the University of Detroit.

"Training as an architect certainly concerns aesthetics and the basic building blocks of art," he said. "You need an eye for balance and proportion. There's an overlap in how things are joined."

Jones said he isn't limited to the types of medium he takes on when the muse hits him. He's worked in sculptures as well as a variety of different types of painting techniques. He'll soon open a one-person show at the Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham.

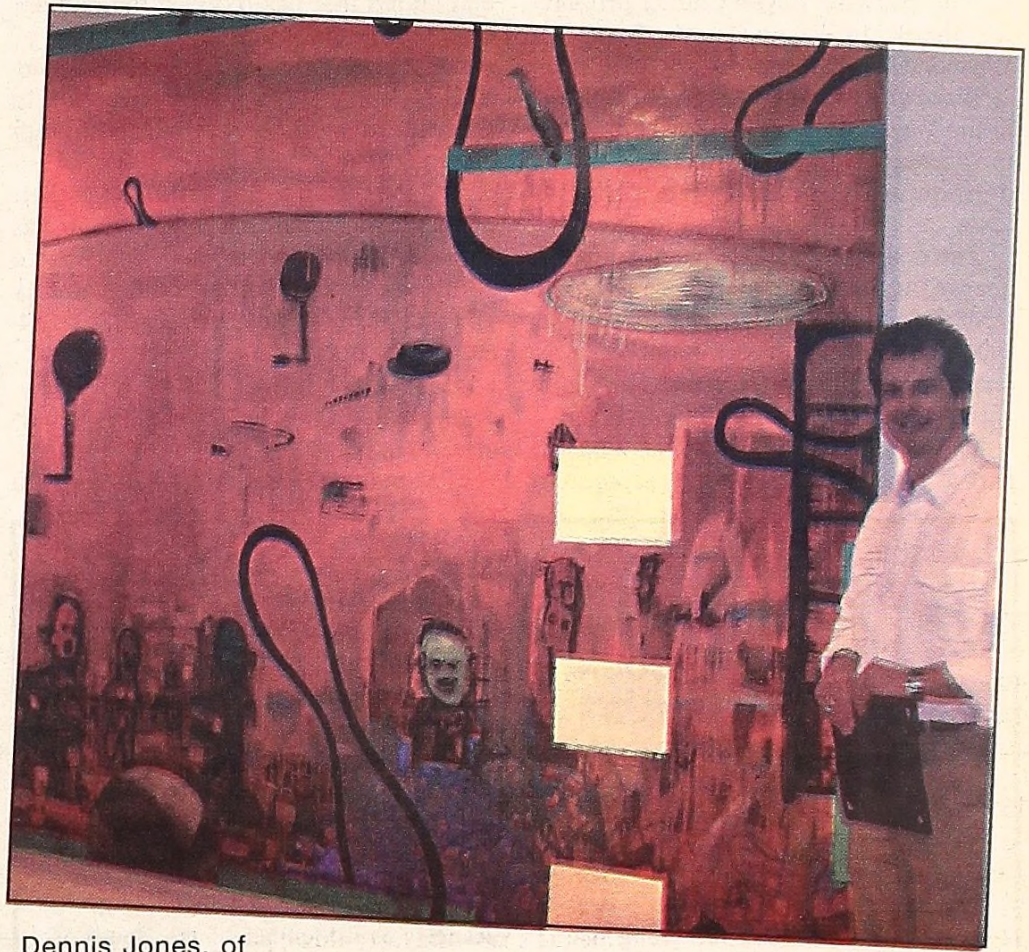
Jones said he comes up with ideas for his artwork in a variety of ways.

"You really work with what you've done before, to some degree," he said. "It's kind of a reworking of some things and implementing them in a new way."

The idea for *Have You Ever Felt This Terrible Burning Inside?*, for example came from his typical commute from his Plymouth home to the studio in Detroit where he works. There are a lot of vacant fields along the way and he said that provided the basis for the sprawling, 8-foot by 12-foot painting. From there, he merely imagined the types of people that would inhabit those often-forlorn places. He combined that with some caustic colors and a vibrant sky.

"The landscape is somewhat littered with debris you might encounter and then there's these figures that are occupying that space," Jones said. "A high level of anxiety was what I was trying to get at."

Jones said he enjoys both aspects of his



Dennis Jones, of Plymouth, recently won a second place award at the Michigan Fine Arts Competition for his painting, *Have You Ever Felt This Terrible Burning Inside*

artistic life – the designing of residential additions and custom homes that brings him most of his income and the sometime more creative aspect of looking at a blank canvass or lump of material and working it into something specific.

"It's enjoyable to create something without having a client, or boss of sorts," Jones said the former instructor at the Center for

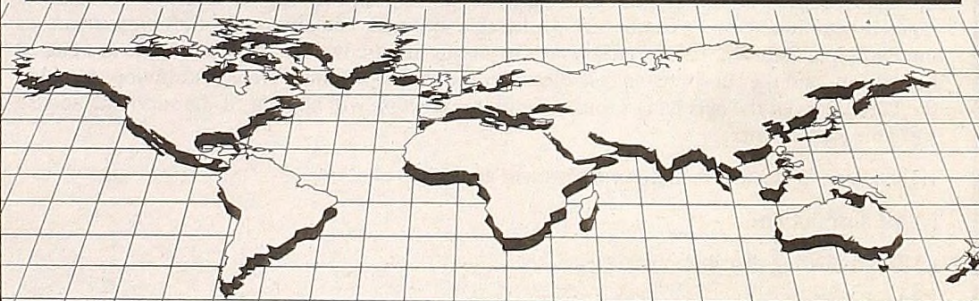
Creative Studies, adding that he doesn't see himself giving up his architecture work any time soon. "If I'm ever successful enough to make that jump, I'd certainly do it, but I can't. There aren't too many people that can."

"They aren't as separate as you might think," he added. "It all comes from the same place."

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Calendar

The Easter Bunny visits Canton

Brunch with the Easter Bunny will take place from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, in the Summit grand ballroom. Included in the price of admission are a continental breakfast and entertainment. Tickets are \$7, ages 11 and up, \$4, ages 3-10, and children ages 2 and younger are admitted free of charge. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will cost \$1. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The deadline is March 30.

Shoemaker and the Elves

The Shoemaker and the Elves, a musical version of the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale, is at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville until May 2. Performance times are at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. on Sundays and at 2:30 p.m. on weekdays (April 12-16). Tickets are \$7.50. For school reservations, birthday parties and group rates, call the Marquis Theatre at (248) 349-8110.

Youth basketball leagues begin

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is forming leagues for the spring season, April 3-May 22. The leagues will be divided into grades 8-9 and 10-12 for boys and grades 9-12 for girls. For more information call Dave DeMattos at the recreation center, (248) 349-0203.

Recreation programs set

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering some new and some old leagues for the summer. **Badminton:** Any level school

badminton programs. The department would like to provide shuttles to the schools. **Adult Women's Softball League:** Starts Tuesday, May 6. Entry Fee is \$410/team for 12 games. **Adult Coed Softball League:** Starts Sunday, May 4. Entry fee is \$410/team for 12 games. **Adult Coed Kickball League (New):** Starts Friday, May 14. Entry fee will be \$240/ per team with a minimum of 15 games. Umpire fees extra. **Adult Coed Golf League:** Start Monday, May 3. Entry fee will be \$450 for 18 weeks at the Braeburn Golf Course. Tee time start is 5:29pm. For more information on any of the leagues contact the Northville Parks & Recreation at (248) 449-9947.

Vibrant living is topic

Dr. Arthur Weaver, the emeritus professor of surgery for Wayne State University, will put on a seminar on Biblical Perspectives on Health from 2:30-5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 25 at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist school and church complex at 15585 Haggerty Road, just north of Five Mile Road. The seminar uncovers many health practices hidden in the ancient scriptures that are only now being confirmed by modern science. To register, call (313) 531-2179 or (248) 349-5683.

Spring sale under way

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will host a Spring Sale beginning today and running through April 3 in down-

town Plymouth. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with carriage rides from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Easter Egg hunt set

The Plymouth Jaycees will host an Easter Egg hunt at the Plymouth Township Park at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10. The park is located on Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha Road. Children will be able to hunt for eggs in four age groups: 2 and under, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-up. Members of the Plymouth Community Fire Department will also be on hand giving truck tours. In case of inclement weather, call the Jaycee hotline at (734) 453-8407 the morning of the event.

Hall of Fame banquet planned

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Evening Kiwanis Club will host an award banquet on Tuesday, April 20 to honor the most recent inductees into the Plymouth Hall of Fame. This year Mayor Stella Greene, Beth Stewart, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, and Paul Voorhies will be inducted into the hall. The banquet is open to the public. Tickets are \$25. To order tickets call the chamber office at (734) 453-1540.

Orchestra auditions set

The Celebration Youth Orchestra, a youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, will host auditions for the 2004-2005 school year on Saturday, May 15 at Evola Music in

Canton Township. Auditions are open to string students aged 9 years and up with a least one year of instruction and wind, brass and percussion students aged 12 years and up with at least 3 years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students should prepare a piece of their choice and a scale representative of their ability. To schedule an audition call the symphony at (734) 451-2112.

Vocal scholarships offered

The Plymouth Community Chorus, as part of the music education program, is offering three scholarships to students pursuing an education in the vocal field of performing arts. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students in the sixth through 11th grades. Applications must be postmarked by March 31 and can be obtained by calling Sherrie Northway at (313) 533-4796 or by writing to Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Tree planting postponed

The extended winter weather has caused the City of Plymouth to postpone the planting of new trees until later in the spring, which gives residents a few extra weeks to take part in a cost-sharing tree planting program. Residents can order trees until April 15. Forms for ordering the trees are available at the city web site, www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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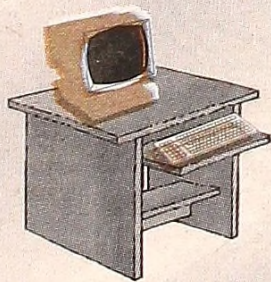
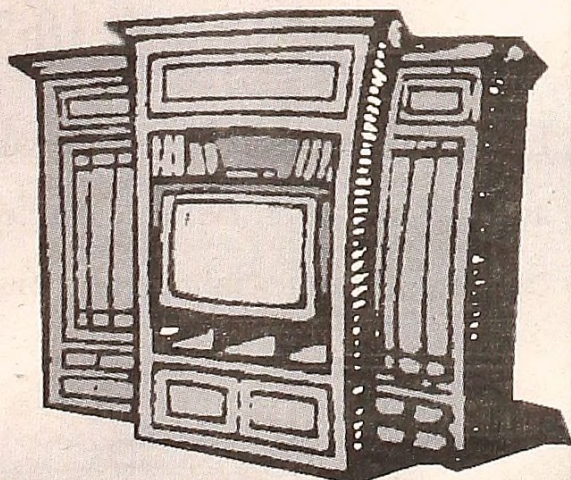
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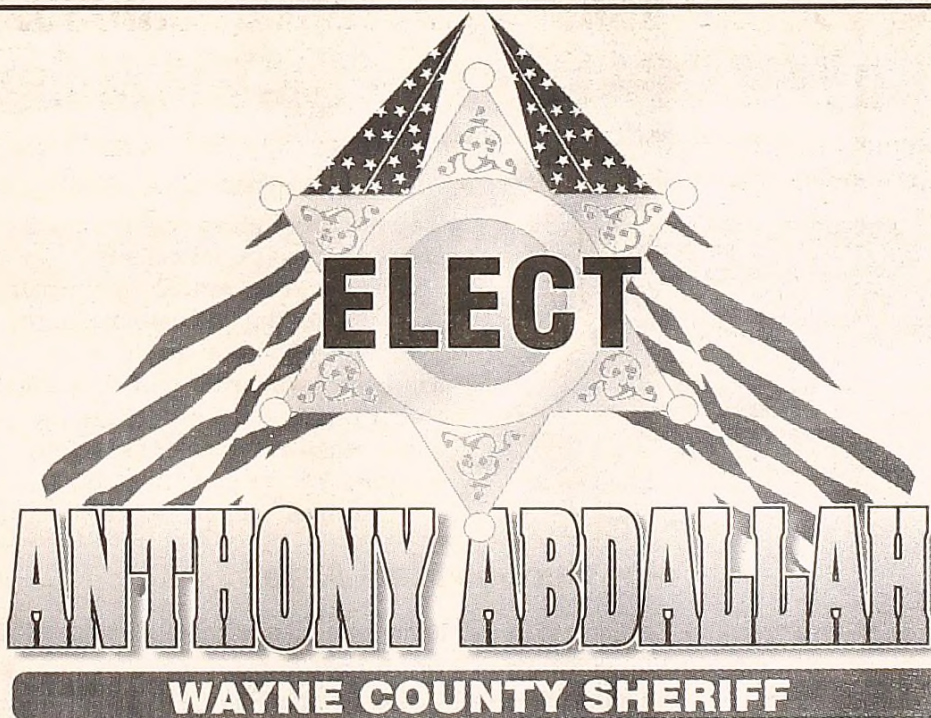


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Trip of a lifetime

Local family plans missionary trip

Scott Spielman
Editor

Enduring 90-degree heat, digging at a construction site, hauling materials around in a wheelbarrow or sleeping on a 2-inch-thick mattress may not sound like the trip of a lifetime, but that's exactly what it turned out to be for Northville resident Debra Jankovich and her mother, Maria Schwartz.

The pair took part in a missionary trip in January to Guaymango, El Salvador and liked the experience so much that they intend to return next week. This time, it will be a three-generational trip because



Children walked from miles away for the opportunity to take part in arts and crafts demonstrations in Guaymango, El Salvador.

Jankovich said she's taking her 15-year-old son, Adam, to help out.

"It was an amazing experience," Jankovich said. "I can't wait to go back."

Jankovich, 41, has lived in Northville Township for about two years. She said she learned about the trip on a Sunday at the church she still attends in Rochester Hills. A friend's uncle was speaking that day and he was involved with the First English Mission Events (FEME), which was planning the trip. The goal was to build a church and community center for the small village.

Jankovich said she quickly conferred with her husband, and soon the preparations were under way. Schwartz said it didn't take much convincing for her to join on the lead team, whose role was to provide the foundation for the construction of the church, which will be completed by several teams visiting the village throughout the year.

In fact, Schwartz said she had wanted to take part on different missionary trips to colder climates like Alaska, but hadn't been able to.

"They thought it was going to be too tough on me," she said. "When this door opened, my husband said: 'I think your passport

is in the drawer.'"

Soon the two women found themselves facing the prospect of traveling to a third world country and an environment where they didn't know what to expect.

Once they arrived, they quickly settled into a routine. Jankovich's role was to walk daily the four blocks to the construction site and help out wherever she could, which was anything from helping to organize tools to putting shovel into the ground.

"I was a go-fer," she said. "I was the only female working at the construction site. I dug, I wheelbarrowed. I did all kinds of stuff."

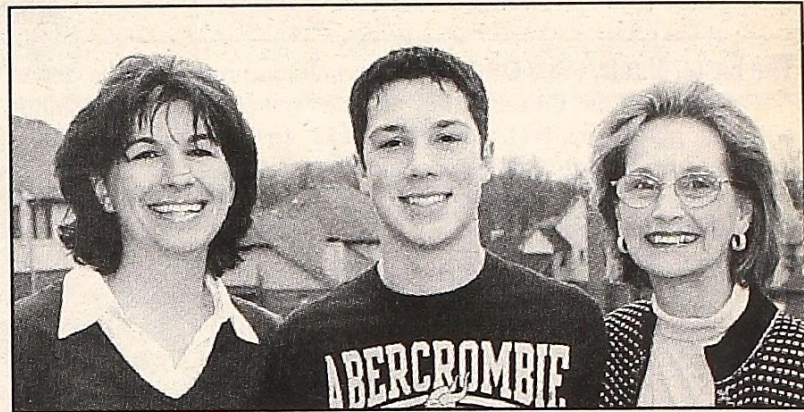
Schwartz was in charge of arts and crafts. She helped the children create bead necklaces, color drawings and more. It was an eye-opening experience, she said, to find out that some children had walked as much as 8 miles to take part in the crafts.

"They were so appreciative," Schwartz said. "They won my heart."

Jankovich agreed.

"These kids were more grateful for a piece of paper and a crayon than anyone I had ever seen in my life," she said. "I was amazed at how grateful they were for simple things."

It wasn't all hard work, though.



Adam Jankovich (center), his mother, Debra, and her mother, Maria Schwartz said they were looking forward to a missionary trip to Guaymango, El Salvador, next week.

At the end of a long day at the construction site, the adults played games with children, many of whom hadn't seen a Frisbee before.

The region is still struggling to recover from a wave of earthquakes that decimated the county in 2001, according to Jankovich. Poverty is rampant there, as she found out with a conversation with a 19-year-old girl. She hadn't been to school for six years because her parents couldn't afford to send her.

As it turns out, Jankovich said it cost only \$140 to give her the basics she needed to go to school, and \$250 would cover her for a full year, comfortably. She started to brainstorm and soon came up with commitments for \$250 scholarships for each of the 15 children that needed them to go back to school.

She said plenty of other items are needed, too, from tooth brushes to vitamins to Spanish Bibles and clothing. Cash donations can be sent to Dolores

Berrigan, FEME Financial Consultant, 2113 Belmont Place, Metairie, LA 7001, while shipments of donated goods can be sent to Dottie Tardy, FEME arrangements, 608 Fairlawn Dr., Terrytown, LA, 70056.

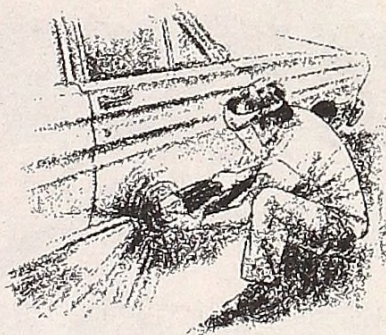
Debra said she plans on continuing her work when she returns to the country from April 14-21. Her son, Adam, said he was looking forward to the trip, too. A sophomore in high school, he said he wants to practice the Spanish he's learned there, as well as get a feeling for the type of experience his mother has described so passionately.

"I want to see what it's like down there," he said. "I want to help out."

Jankovich said his knowledge of Spanish would be a bonus, too. She doesn't speak the language.

"I'm counting on him to help me out," she said. "It's an eye-opening experience. I wish all teen-agers had a chance to live in a third-world village. They don't know how good they have it."

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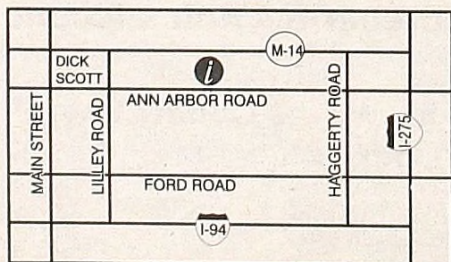
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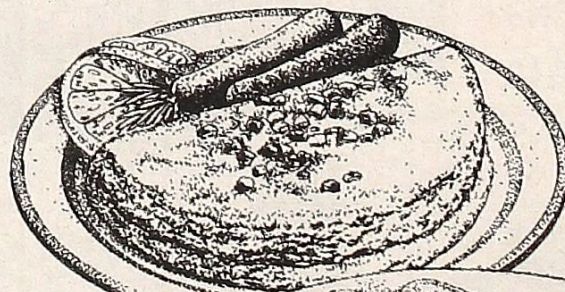
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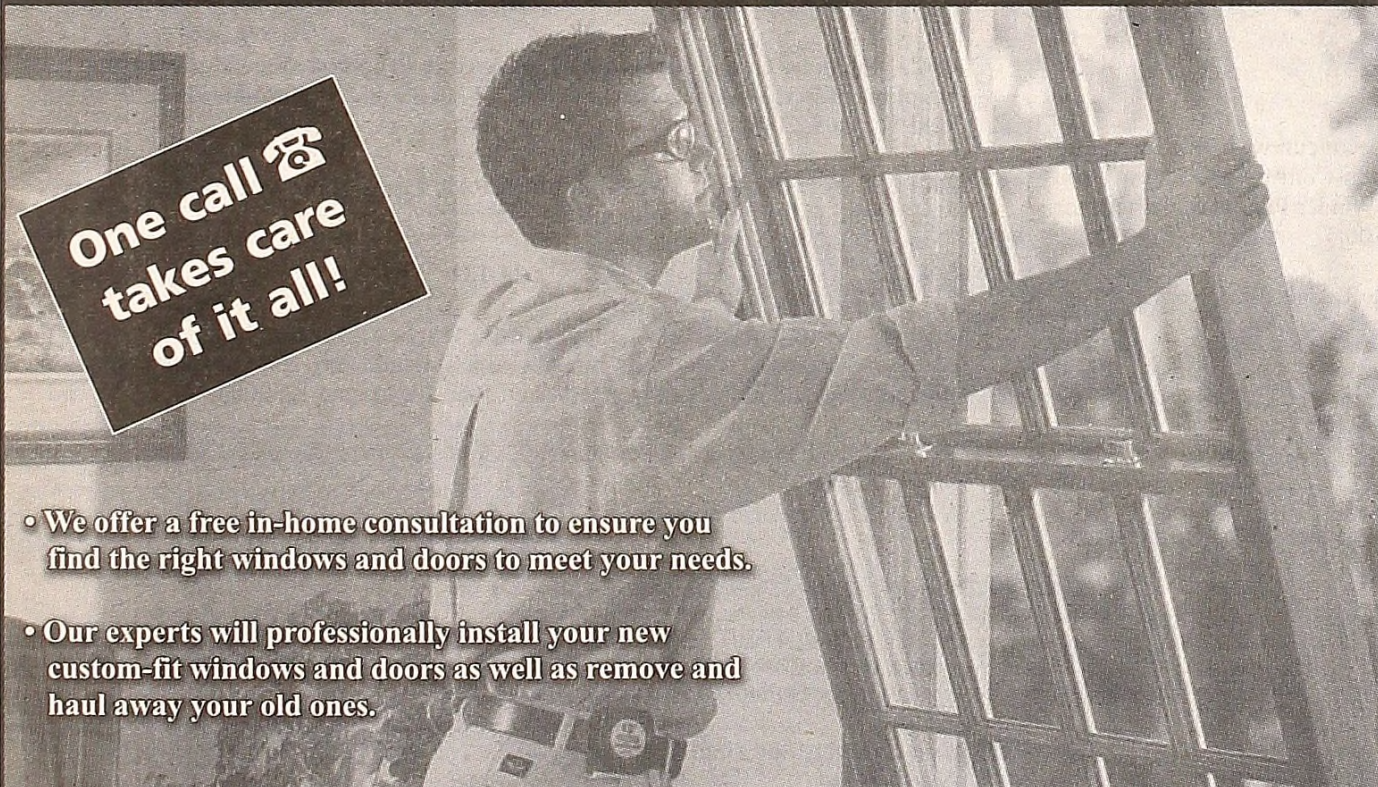
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ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD MARCH 8, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem Debbie Romak.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth..
Absent: None.
Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear, Councilman Charles Miller.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-123

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 1, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-124

3 A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution thanking and recognizing the Henry Ford Health System, the American Heart Association and the Medtronic Physio-Control Corporation for the life-saving gift of one automated external defibrillator (AED), donated to the Romulus Romulus Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A2. Item Deleted.*
3A3. Item Deleted.*

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairman’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-125

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to award Bid 03/04-3 1, Demolition List 03/02 to the best qualified bidder, VanAssche Construction in the amount of \$38,930.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-126

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and approve the extension of Bid 02/03-55, Emergency Light Bars with Winder Police Equipment for an additional five (5) Light Bars at a total cost of \$7,720.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously,

5C. Item Deleted.*

04-127

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04

32:

FUND/DEPT.				
Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
Local Streets:				
Revenues:				
203-0000-699.93-01	Transfer In-C.D.B.G. Fund	0	32,508	32,508
Expenditures				
2034310-743.71-10	R.M. Overtime	6,000	13,914	19,914
2034310-743.73-05	R.M. Operating Supplies	0	18,594	18,594

To recognize C.D.B.G. grant revenues for the St. Aloysius and Huron River Drive improvement project that were expended thru Local Streets.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-128

5E. Motion to Crova, supported by Prybyla to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-33:

FUND/DEPT.				
Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
Major Streets				
Expenditures:				
2024320-742.73-05	Operating-Winter Maint	100,000	13,138	113,138
Major Streets:				
Fund Balance				
Undesignated		1,788,655	(13,138)	1,775,517
Local Streets:				
Expenditures				
2034330-742.73-05	Operating-Winter Maint	100,000	13,138	113,138
Local Streets:				
Fund Balance				
Undesignated		172,937	(13,138)	159,799

To appropriate additional funds to cover current Bulk Road Salt purchases.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-129

5F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04
34:

Fund/Dept.				
Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
General Fund				
Expenditures:				
101-1310-713.74-62	Clerk-Printing & Publications	34,000	5,000	39,000
Fund Balance				
General Fund		1,006,429	5,000	1,001,429

To appropriate additional funds for BA#30 that was incorrectly processed for a \$10,000 amendment and it should have been for \$15,000. This is to cover printing and publication costs thru June 30, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-130

6A I. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption of Chapter 38, Appendix B, Romulus Employee Pension Plan Amendment introduced at the Council meeting held March 8, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-131

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 03/04-28, 29, 30 and 31 introduced at the meeting held March 8, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-132

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to issue a No-Fee Permit to the Moslem Shriners to conduct its annual Hospital Fund Drive soliciting donations at the intersections and in front of businesses on June 10, 11, and 12, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-133

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize payment of Warrant 04-05 in the grand total amount of Eight Hundred Four Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Ten Cents, (\$804,229. 10).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
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Unit 604: Samuel Dew-Freezer, stove, shelves, entertainment center, 2 chairs, dresser, computer desk.
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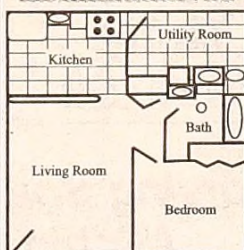
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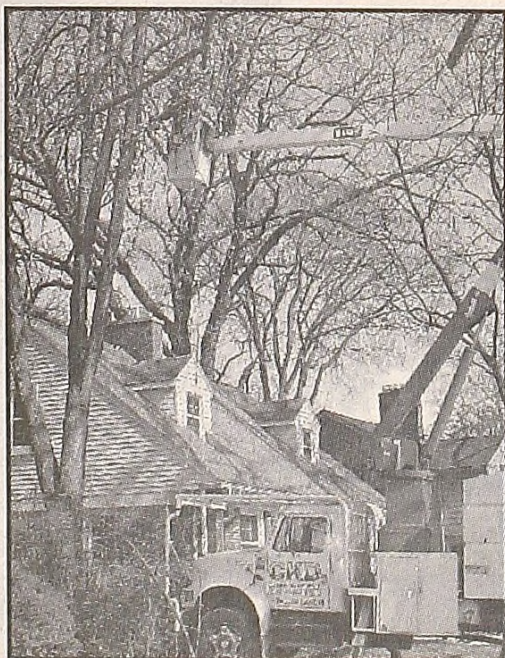
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Whalers knock off Rangers

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers knocked their nemesis, Kitchener, out of the playoffs with back-to-back shutouts last week and moved on to the second round of post-season play.

Plymouth goaltender Ryan Nie recorded 54 saves to lock out the Rangers in the final two games of the series.

Game 5: Whalers 5, Rangers 0

The Whalers vaulted past the Rangers, 5-0, to finish of last year's Western Conference Champions in Game 5 of the series, hosted by Kitchener. Nie claimed 26 saves while captain, defenseman and Canton native James Wisniewski assisted on all five goals to lead the team.

As of Monday, Wisniewski is tied for second in the league with teammate John Mitchell for post-season points with 10. He has accumulated three goals and seven assists through the first series against Kitchener. Mitchell has recorded five goals and five assists. Wisniewski recently signed a contract with the Chicago Blackhawks in the National Hockey League.

Nie is third in the league with only two goals against average and boasts a .934 saves percentage, also third in the league. He leads the league in the post-season shutouts with

two.

In Game 5, Mike Knight lit up the scoreboard first for the Whalers on a power play at 6:41 in the first period. Wisniewski was the lone helper on the goal. Kitchener's Nathan O'Nabigon was in the penalty box for a high-sticking penalty.

Tim Sestito, from Brent Mahon and Wisniewski, extended the lead to 2-0 with 1:18 left in the period.

Mike Letizia scored the only goal in the second frame with only 25 seconds falling off the clock to put the Whalers up 3-0. Wisniewski and Mitchell earned the assists.

Mitchell lit up the third period with two goals to put the game away, 5-0. The first came off of a power play from Wisniewski and John Vigilante 3:15 into the period. Kitchener's Boris Valabik was in the box for slashing, which afforded the Whalers the man-advantage. Mitchell's second of the night and fifth of the post season was scored two minutes later with assists going to Jonas Fiedler and Wisniewski.

The Whalers' power play killing was impressive as they held the Rangers scoreless on eight attempts in the game.

Game 4: Whalers 2, Rangers 0

Plymouth enjoyed similar results in Game 4 where they

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The Northville Mustangs ran wild over Saginaw Heritage in a scrimmage on Saturday (above). They went on to defeat North Farmington, 8-0, on Monday night in their first regular season match up.

Mustangs shut out North Farmington, 8-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs kicked off the spring soccer schedule the right way with an 8-0 trampling of the North Farmington on Monday night.

The Mustangs didn't just shut them out; they held Farmington to just one shot on goal, according to Northville coach Ron Meteyer. Northville took 20 shots at net with eight of them going in.

The score was 4-0 after the first half. Lauren Hill, from Danielle Toney and Simone Toney, made it a 1-0 game. Jennifer Kritch and Vanessa Bailey teamed up for the team's second goal. Brittany Boen knocked one in from 17 yards out to make it 3-

0 and Whitney Guenther lobbed it over the Farmington goaltender's hands to make it 4-0 at the half. Kristin Slack and Kritch helped on the play.

Kritch knocked in a rebound off of Guenther's initial shot to open the second half, 5-0. Amy Cauzillo scored off of a pass from Lauren Hill for the team's sixth goal. Jesse Walsh connected with Lynne Raymond to put them up 7-0 and Hill banked a shot off of a defender to put the game away, 8-0.

"We accomplished a lot of balance out there," Meteyer said. "It wasn't much of a warm-up for Novi, though."

The Mustangs take off against the Wildcats at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night in Novi.

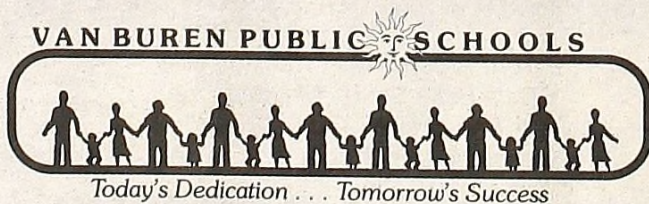
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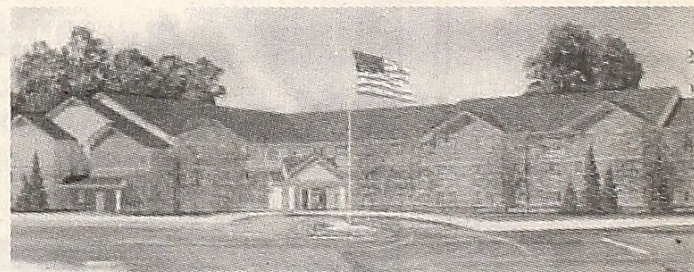


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Belleville Tigers fall short against Detroit Redford, 50-46

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers varsity basketball season came to a spiraling and disappointing close last week when they tipped off against the Detroit Redford Huskies.

Despite leading through the first half the Tigers couldn't overcome Redford's adjustment in the second half and fell, 50-46, in the Class A quarterfinal at Calihan Hall on Tuesday, March 23.

"They're a great team," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel of Redford. "They made some adjustments, picked up on defense and handled our spread offense better in the second half."

"Our kids played hard and did what we told them to," he added. "I knew if they did we would have a chance and we did have a chance up to the final seconds of

the game. But the kids got tired physically and emotionally."

The Tigers started out fast and furious in the first half and outscored the Huskies 16-11 in the first quarter and 15-14 in the second. At one point they built a 25-13 lead but couldn't hold onto it. Two of Belleville's top players, Tyler Jones and Leon Freeman, were both served with their second fouls with three minutes left in the first half. With the two players sitting for the remainder of the half, Redford was able to pull the game to within six points, according to Krogel.

Redford's Vernon Carr scored 15 of his 22 points in the first half to help bring them back into the game. The first half ended with the Tigers in the lead, 31-25.

Redford carried the pressure over into the third and took a one-point lead, 40-39, to head into the final eight minutes of play. The

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Mike Krogel**

two teams battled back and forth with no more than a few points separating them, Krogel said.

It was a two-point game for Redford with 21 seconds left but Belleville couldn't finish it off.

Redford's Ramon Pettus hit 1-2 from the free-throw line to make it a 49-46 game to give the Tigers an opportunity to tie with a three-pointer, but Redford's Ronnie Cranford stole the ball and made a pass up to Pettus, who was fouled on the lay-up attempt. He hit one shot to put the game out of reach at 50-46.

The Tigers, however visibly upset, should be proud that they finished with an incredible 19-6 season.

"It's really tough to lose when you're a step away from a championship game," Krogel said. "They battled hard and put in a heck of an effort. It was a good run."

Despite early foul trouble, Freeman recorded a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead Belleville. Jones contributed with 14, Rob Igbawua hit for six points and nabbed eight rebounds while Matt Miller

also scored six and added 4 assists.

Carr led Redford with 22 points.

Krogel said the coaches and team will start setting up the summer schedule where they plan to play just as many games as they do during the school season. However, first on the agenda will be to find schools for seniors Miller and Igbawua to play at, he said. Miller will look at playing ball at a Division II or III school such as Wayne State or Albion College. Igbawua has schools such as Wayne State, Hillsdale and Sienna Heights recruiting him, according to Krogel.

Tyler Jones plans on playing football for Eastern Michigan University.

Krogel said he plans to sneak in a few rounds of golf this spring before the rigorous summer schedule begins.

Salem knots Rochester, 1-1, in opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Salem Rocks were solid in their first soccer outing of the spring. The girls' varsity soccer team tied, 1-1, with the Rochester Falcons on Saturday in Plymouth.

"It was a pretty even game and I'm happy with the results," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "I'm not worried about our record right now - we just want to play some good soccer."

After an uneventful first half, Rochester jumped ahead when they scored on a penalty kick with 10:00 left in the second half. The Rocks didn't let up, though, as Megan McCarthy knocked in the tying goal five minutes later. Jordan Falcusan earned the assist.

The game ended with the 1-1 tie. Salem will host the defending state champions Troy at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

"They're a good team and we're looking forward to see how we



Salem's Marissa Sarkesian (8) fends off a Rochester player in Saturday's 1-1 tie. The game marked the opening of the season for the Rocks.

match up against them," Nora said.

Last year, Nora and the team finished at the top of the conference with a 13-2-2 overall record

and hope to repeat as the champions.

"All we want to do is stay healthy, keep improving and play

hard," Nora said. "We plan on defending the championship but would like to make it further into the post season."

Northville schools honor scholar athletes

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Board of Education and School Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski took time out of their regular meeting on March 23 to honor 13 of their student athletes and their recent achievements.

Marie Snyder was honored for her nomination as a finalist for the 2003-2004 Michigan High School

Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award. Dominique Desira also received special honors for being nominated for the 2004 McDonald's All-American Basketball Game.

Mark Yassy, Matt Williams, Mark Sorenson, Chris Oakland, Taylor Lebeis, Kevin Kay, Mike Jameson, Jason Horowitz, J.D. Gerblich, Tim Downing and Chris Berry received recognition at the school board meeting as well. The

11 players of the Northville Mustangs' varsity football team were named members of the 2003-04 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Academic All-State Team.

The students' 11 grade point averages were higher than any other football team's in the state, according to Bryan Masi, Northville's athletic director. This was the second time in four years that Northville was honored.

The same 11 students were named to the 2003 Division I Academic All-State Northville Football team earlier in the year. They were awarded the Academic All-State Football team plaque during half time of the Northville varsity basketball game on Feb. 27.

"I'm real proud of all of them," Masi said. "It shows that in our whole athletic department that our scholar athletes are real scholar athletes."

Hockey - Nie leads Whalers in shutout against Rangers, win series

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shutout the Rangers, 2-0, on their home ice at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. The Whalers used the power play to their advantage to score both of their goals and record the victory.

Sestito knocked the first one

in at 8:09 in the first period with assists going to Vaclav Meidl and Fiedler. Kitchener's Peter Franchin was serving time in the box for holding at the time of the goal.

With 2:30 left in the second period, Mitchell recorded the Whaler's second and final goal of the night to put the game

away, 2-0. Letizia led Mitchell with a pass down the right wing and fired the shot top-shelf past Kitchener's net minder Brad Topping. Vigilante recorded the other assist on the power-play goal. The Rangers' Valabik was in the box for roughing.

Nie recorded 28 saves to help secure the win.

Round two of the playoffs start this weekend but the Whalers next opponent was unknown at press time. They will play the winner of the Guelph Storm and the Owen Sound Attack series. They played Game 7 Tuesday night but the results were unavailable.

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Romulus names new athletic director

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Mark Woodson was recently named the new Athletic Director for the Romulus Community Schools. He will succeed the current director Jesse Meriweather, who is retiring from the district at the end of the school year. Woodson's appointment will be effective July 1.

Woodson fits the bill, with an impressive athletic resume. He played collegiate football at Wayne State University and played professionally for the Toronto Argonauts and the Orlando Renegade. His coaching experiences include stints at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan as an assistant. He also did summer camp work at Northwestern University.

He comes to his new position with prep experience as an assistant football and junior varsity basketball coach at Robichaud High School and a five-year

career as head coach of the Romulus Eagles varsity football team. His 1998 and 1999 Romulus teams qualified for the state playoffs and he was voted Regional Associated Press Coach of the Year in 1997 and 1998.

During his coaching journey he has coached star football players such as Tyrone Wheatley, an alumni of Robichaud, who went on to be a star running back for the University of Michigan and is currently playing for the Oakland Raiders in the NFL. He also coached Fred Russell when he was at Romulus. Russell, currently with University of Iowa, had the second highest rushing yards per game in the Big Ten last season.

Woodson holds a bachelors degree in Physical Education/Health from Wayne State University and a masters degree in Kinesiology/Sports Management from the University of Michigan.

"I will place emphasis on maximizing student potential by adopting the virtues of self-discipline, social maturity, mental and physical conditioning and a positive attitude," he said.



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